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SUBJECT: CUBAN SANCTIONS

1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR MARIA LOURDES DE VINCENZI CALLED ON ME THIS AFTERNOON AUGUST 6, AT HER REQUEST. SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HER FOREIGN OFFICE TO REPORT ON COSTA RICAN REACTIONS TO AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S DEMARCHE ON U.S. POSITION FAVORING DELAY OF OAS MEETING ON CUBA UNTIL AFTER U.S. ELECTIONS. WHEN I PROBED AS TO PROBABLE BASIS OF GOB'S INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S TRIP, SHE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN GOB AND USG ON THIS MATTER. I NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED SPECIFICS OF AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S TRIP, ABOUT WHICH SHE ASKED NO DIRECT QUESTIONS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO GOCR POSITION, AMBASSADOR VINCENZI ASKED WHETHER I THOUGHT DEFENSE OF RIO TREATY WAS REALLY FACIO'S PRIMARY CONCERN IN PROPOSING OAS REVIEW OF CUBAN SANCTIONS. I RESPONDED THAT I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS CERTAINLY POSSIBLE THAT HE HAD OTHER MOTIVATIONS AS WELL. AS TO URGENCY, I TOLD HER THAT I THOUGHT FACIO'S OWN TIMETABLE WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE PROSPECTS OF VENEZUELAN AND/OR COLOMBIAN ACTION TO RECOGNIZE CUBA UNILATERALLY. SINCE THAT DID NOT NOW SEEM

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TO BE SUCH AN IMMEDIATE THREAT, I THOUGHT FACIO MIGHT BE

LESS CONCERNED ABOUT PRESSING FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THE OAS.

3. AMBASSADOR VINCENZI TOLD ME THAT SHE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY COMMENT FROM THE GOB ON FACIO'S PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR OAS CONSIDERATION OF THE CUBA QUESTION (SAN JOSE 2784). WITHOUT SUCH COMMENTS IN HAND SHE IS RELUCTANT TO GO BACK TO FACIO PRIOR TO FILING HER REPORT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FLUID SITUATION AS REPORTED FROM CARACAS AND BOGOTA, I HAVE NOT YET GONE BACK TO FACIO TO SOUND HIM OUT ON OUR APPROACHES TO OTHER OAS COUNTRIES (PARAS 5 AND 6 OF STATE 169714). MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS WILL JUST MAKE HIM NERVOUS AND FEARFUL OF FURTHER LEAKS THAT COULD EMBARRASS HIM. (UPI STORY ON AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S TRIP FINALLY APPEARED HERE ON SUNDAY ON PAGE 24 OF LA NACION, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT OR OTHER REACTION AS YET.)
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